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SUBJECT: UNFDAC DEFERS RESPONSE TO LPDR AID REQUEST

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1. ALEXANDRE ARNAUD, UNFDAC DIRECTOR IN THE LPDR, TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 26 THAT IN AN APRIL 23 MEETING WITH LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS FRED MACKENZIE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC, TOLD THE LAO THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO GENEVA WITH THE LAO GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL THAT THE BULK OF THE \$200,000 IN UNFDAC FUNDS TO BE SPENT IN LAOS BE SPENT AT THE KILOMETER 62 REHABILITATION SITE (REFTEL). HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT UNFDAC WOULD GIVE THE LAO A FORMAL REPLY IN EARLY JUNE.

2. THE APRIL 23 MEETING WAS ARRANGED IMMEDIATELY
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PRIOR TO MACKENZIE'S DEPARTURE FROM LAOS AND AFTER A RANCOROUS APRIL 22 MEETING BETWEEN ARNAUD AND OUDONE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE MFA, AT WHICH OUDONE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IF UNFDAC WOULD NOT AGREE TO FURNISH MONEY TO THE LPDR FOR THE PROJECTS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SPECIFIED (THE KILOMETER 62 PROJECT) THEN

UNFDAC HAD NO BUSINESS IN LAOS.

3. ARNAUD SAID THAT EXCEPT FOR A FORMAL INTRODUCTION TO SOUBANH (FOREIGN MINISTRY CHEF DE CABINET) AND FAREWELLS APRIL 23 MACKENZIE HAD NO CONTACT WITH LAO DURING HIS VISIT. ARNAUD, WHO NEGOTIATED WITH THE LAO ON BEHALF OF UNFDAC, SAID THAT THE POSITION OF UNFDAC IN LAOS WAS REALLY THAT OF A SUPPLICANT TO THE LAO, AND NOT VICE VERSA, SINCE IT WAS THE LAO WHO HAD THE OPIUM AND UNFDAC THAT WAS ASKING THEM TO STOP OPIUM PRODUCTION.
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